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SUBJECT: PRIVATE VISIT TO U.S. OF KING AND QUEEN OF
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1. MAJOR RUBENS OF KING'S HOUSEHOLD HAS HAD SERIES OF
MEETINGS WITH USSS ON SECURITY AND AIRCRAFT LANDING
ARRANGEMENTS. DESK OFFICER AND BELGIAN POLITICAL COUNSE-
LOR PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS WHICH WENT VERY WELL.
RUBENS HAS NOW GONE ON TO NEW YORK AND NEW HAVEN TO MAKE
FURTHER PREPARATIONS.

2. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE KING'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
(BELOW). IT IS NOW PLANNED THAT THE ROYAL PARTY--THE
KING AND QUEEN PLUS FOUR--WILL ARRIVE BY BELGIAN MILITARY
AIRCRAFT AT EITHER NEW HAVEN OR HARTFORD AIRPORT AND
DEPART FROM JFK. FINAL DECISION ON THE ARRIVAL POINT HAS
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BEEN DELAYED TO ALLOW THE BELGIAN AIR FORCE TO FLY A DRY

RUN SOMETIME THIS MONTH. NEITHER AIRPORT PRESENTS ANY SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES FROM THE STANDPOINT OF SECURITY OR PORT COURTESIES, WHICH ARE BEING ARRANGED.

3. THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GRASSO OF CONNECTICUT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE DESK CONCERNING THE VISIT AND HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE GOVERNOR GREETING THE KING. WE HAVE CONVEYED THIS INFORMATION TO THE BELGIAN EMBASSY AND THEY HAVE QUERIED THE ROYAL PALACE AS TO HOW THE KING MIGHT WISH TO WORK GRASSO INTO HIS PROGRAM.

4. KING'S SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, MARCH 22 -

AFTERNOON -- ARRIVAL IN NEW HAVEN OR HARTFORD, CONN.
EVENING -- PRIVATE DINNER

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 -

MORNING -- MEETING AT YALE.
----- LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PROVOST.

AFTERNOON -- ARCHITECTURE TOUR OF YALE AND NEW HAVEN.
----- MEETING WITH YALE STUDENTS.

EVENING -- BISHOP BERKELEY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 -

MORNING -- TOUR OF MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT.
----- LUNCHEON IN NOANK, CONNECTICUT.

AFTERNOON -- VISIT TO NE' LONDON, CONNECTICUT.

EVENING -- DINNER HOSTED BY EVERTON H. HOSLEY, JR.
----- IN OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 --

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MORNING -- MEETINGS AT YALE.

AFTERNOON -- VISIT TO MICHAEL SCHIAVONE & SONS, INC.
----- BELGIAN STUDENTS AND FACULTY RECEPTION.

EVENING -- DINNER HOSTED BY YALE PRESIDENT KINGMAN
----- BREWSTER, JR.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 -

MORNING -- DEPART YALE AND NEW YORK FOR PRIVATE
----- WEEKEND VISIT AT HOME OF PETER GRACE,
----- MANHASSET, LONG ISLAND.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 -

----- GRACE RESIDENCE.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 -

----- DEPART NEW YORK FOR BELGIUM.

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